



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending October 26, 2002, growers placed 10.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.9 million) decreased 3.9% from the comparable week in 2001. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.9 million, a decrease of 3.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.8 million for the week ending October 19, 2002 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
----- THOUSANDS -----						
* 08/31/2002	14,278	14,572	11,700	12,071	11,700	12,071
* 09/07/2002	13,810	13,536	11,528	12,017	11,530	12,017
* 09/14/2002	12,238	13,395	11,727	11,891	11,727	11,891
* 09/21/2002	14,389	12,512	11,676	11,990	11,679	11,990
* 09/28/2002	14,668	13,453	11,270	11,082	11,270	11,082
* 10/05/2002	13,973	13,274	9,879	11,063	9,998	11,063
* 10/12/2002	13,765	13,756	11,669	10,300	11,759	10,300
* 10/19/2002	13,895	13,453	11,921	11,072	11,921	11,072
* 10/26/2002	13,379	12,924	11,340	10,903	11,340	10,903

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	11/02/2002	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	45.87	45.39	49.55	53.22
12-City Composite 2/	52.93	53.21	54.83	59.39

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.